

In The Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An adornment for a post, comprising ~~at least two of:~~
 - (a) a cap having a decorative upper end of a predetermined configuration and a lower end; the lower end comprising a downwardly opening hollow skirt having an interior surface and an exterior surface, with the skirt being adapted to be disposed over the top of a post, to receive the post therein, with the interior surface of the skirt in snug fitting close engagement relative thereto;
 - (b) a ~~base~~ ring adapted for disposition around a ~~lower~~ an end of a post, ~~spaced vertically~~ below the cap; with the ring having a hollow interior and having a vertical opening therethrough, sized to fit over the post in close fitting engagement relative thereto; and
 - (c) ~~a cap~~ the ring adapted for disposition around an upper ~~having a skirt sized to be spaced outwardly of an end of the post, below and against the cap; away from the post; the ring skirt having an~~ with the ring having a hollow interior and having a vertical opening therethrough, interior surface sized to engage the exterior surface of the skirt of the cap in snug fitting close engagement therewith. fit over the post in close fitting engagement relative thereto.
2. (Currently Amended) The adornment of claim 1, wherein the ~~base~~ ring is interchangeably usable as any of a cap ring and a base ring.
3. (Currently Amended) The adornment of claim 1, wherein the cap ~~ring is interchangeably usable as a base ring.~~ has an outwardly extending flange.
4. (Original) The adornment of claim 1, wherein both a base ring and cap ring are provided, constructed to be substantially identical to each other.
5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The adornment of claim 1 2, wherein a base ring is provided and the exterior surface of the base ring has an exterior of various widthwise stepped dimensions vertically along said exterior surface.

7. (Currently Amended) The adornment of claim 1 2, wherein a cap ring is provided and the exterior surface of the cap ring has an exterior of various widthwise stepped dimensions vertically along said exterior surface.

8. (Original) The adornment of claim 6, wherein said base ring has stepped exterior dimensions that reduce in widthwise dimension from bottom to top when placed on a post.

9. (Original) The adornment of claim 7, wherein said cap ring has stepped exterior dimension that reduce in widthwise dimension from top to bottom when placed on a post.

10. (Original) The adornment of any one of claims 1-9, wherein both said base ring and cap ring are provided, adapted to be mounted spaced-apart along a post.

11. (Currently Amended) The adornment of claim 1 4, ~~wherein the base ring is interchangeably usable as a cap ring, wherein the cap ring is interchangeably usable as a base ring, wherein both a cap ring and a cap are provided, with the hollow interior of the cap ring being sized to receive the skirt of the cap therein, in close fitting engagement relative thereto, wherein a base ring is provided and the exterior surface of the base ring has an exterior of various widthwise stepped dimensions vertically along said exterior surface, wherein a cap ring is provided and the exterior surface of the cap ring has an exterior of various widthwise stepped dimensions vertically along said exterior surface, wherein said base ring has stepped exterior dimensions that reduce in widthwise dimension from bottom to top when placed on a post, wherein said cap ring has stepped exterior dimension that reduce in widthwise dimension from top to bottom when placed on a post, wherein both said base ring and cap ring are provided, adapted to be mounted spaced-apart along a post, and wherein said base ring and cap ring are constructed to be substantially identical to each other.~~

12. (Currently Amended) The adornment of any one of claims ~~1-9~~ 1-4 and 6-9 and 11, wherein the adornment is constructed of a polymer/wood composite.

13. (Currently Amended) The adornment of any one of claims ~~1-9~~ 1-4 and 6-9 and 11, wherein the adornment is constructed of a molded plastic material.

14. (Currently Amended) The adornment of claim 1, wherein the interior of ~~any of the skirt of the cap, the base ring,~~ and the ~~cap~~ ring are of rectangular configuration in horizontal cross-section.